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## **IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraph [0032] with the following amended paragraph:

[0032] Figure 6 shows a top view of the light coupling apparatus of Figure 5. The spacing distance d and the curvature of the input surface 80 in the z direction are configured such that light diverging in the fast axis is substantially collimated and directed toward the exit aperture 66. The input surface [[60]] 80 thus acts similar to the cylindrical lens 50 in the first embodiment of the invention.